



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time [B]

January 14, 2024

# St. Bernadette Catholic Church

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## PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday (Vigil) 5:00pm      Sunday      8:30am      10:15am      12:00pm      5:00pm      7:00pm

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Early Morning Masses – Wednesday 6:30am  
Morning Masses – Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday | 8:00am :: Saturday 9:00am  
Evening Masses – Wednesday 7:30pm

## PARISH CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays 6:30pm-7:15pm      Fridays 8:30am-9:30am      Saturdays 4:00-4:45pm

*\*Also, by appointment with the clergy*

## ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Fridays of month      8:30am-12:00pm (Angelus at Noon)      All other Fridays 8:30am-9:30am

## PARISH OFFICE

### PARISH STAFF

Father Chris Lemieux, *Pastor*  
Father Kevin Adriano, *Associate Pastor*  
Myrna Hentrich, *Parish Secretary*  
Robert LeBlanc, *Lay Pastoral Associate*  
Monika Matelski, *Youth Coordinator*  
Marva Thomas, *Administrative Assistant*  
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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday  
9:00am to 12:30pm  
1:30pm to 4:00pm  
*Closed for Lunch from 12:30-1:30*  
Saturday and Sunday  
9:30am to 2:30pm

## SACRAMENTS

**Baptisms** – every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays at 11:00am. A mandatory Baptism class (via Zoom) and completed registration with required forms required. Please speak to Myrna or email [office@stbernajax.com](mailto:office@stbernajax.com)

**First Confession/Communion** – with Parish Schools or Parish Program offered. Please speak to Robert or email [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)

**Confirmation** – with Parish Schools or Parish Program offered. Please speak to Robert or email [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** – Adults requiring Baptism, Confirmation, or reception into the Catholic Church. Please speak to Robert or email [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)

**Christian Initiation for Young People** – For young people ages 7 through 16, age-appropriate classes will be offered to help our young people receive all Sacraments of Initiation. Please speak to Robert or email [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com)

**Marriage** – Contact the Parish Office one year in advance and one of the priests will arrange an appointment with you.

**Sacrament of the Sick** – Contact the Parish Office immediately.

## PARISH SCHOOLS

Archbishop Denis O'Connor Secondary	Jim MacNeil, <i>Principal</i>	Tim Lee Loy, <i>Chaplain</i>	905-427-6667
Notre Dame Secondary	Sonya Melim, <i>Principal</i>	Jeannine Henry, <i>Chaplain</i>	905-686-4300
St. Bernadette Elementary	Diana Assenza, <i>Principal</i>	Agnes Sararus, <i>Parish Rep</i>	905-683-0571
St. James Elementary	Geraldine Borg, <i>Principal</i>	Marisa Hall, <i>Parish Rep</i>	905-427-3327
St. Teresa of Calcutta Elementary	Sheena Paul, <i>Principal</i>	Linda Sarang, <i>Parish Rep</i>	905-426-7065

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Website: <https://stbernajax.com>  
YouTube: [@st.bernadetteparishajax3761](https://www.youtube.com/@st.bernadetteparishajax3761)

Twitter: [@stbernajax](https://twitter.com/stbernajax)  
Facebook: [St. Bernadette Church, Ajax](https://www.facebook.com/St.BernadetteChurchAjax)

## From the Pastor's Desk



My dear Friends in Christ,  
Our readings this weekend, speak of different Biblical figures, with faith in God just like us – who seek the Lord, listen to Him and follow Him. “Here I am, Lord – I come to do Your will!” What that will is (the Will of God) and how we will follow it will differ for each of us, but THAT we have a calling is indisputable.

In the months ahead, we will be starting small groups for our youth and young adults to help them employ these tools for their own lives and we hope for the support of their parents and our faith community. Discernment – prayerful decision-making is not just for men considering the priesthood or women and men considering religious life. Discernment is an important part of being Christian and following Christ.

Your servant in the Lord,

*Father Chris*

### **\*\* NEW to our PARISH?? \*\***



We strongly encourage everyone who attends St. Bernadette's on a regular basis to consider registering. It's easy – either click on this link: <https://bit.ly/3tRaLg5> or contact the Parish Office and we will help you out. We will be inviting you to join us on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month at 1:30pm for our **Starting Point Presentation** where you will meet our clergy and some of our Parish Team. This is also the best way to learn more about our parish, register for baptisms, sacraments and get involved.

## Praying for Our People



Praying for one another is an important part of our Christian Discipleship, the mission entrusted to us by Jesus. We pray for all those who are sick in our parish, for:

Carmen Flores, Chandrika Puvilingham, Desmond Vieira, Luisa Matthias, Helen Holmes, Kevin Sims, Dylan Guro & Frederick Chafe.

**We pray also for those who have died, and their family and friends who mourn their passing.**

## Our Weekly Offerings



Thank **you** all for your continued generosity, with your time, your talents, and your treasures! This is what was shared of your treasures this week:

LAST WEEK'S OFFERTORY:	\$	6,440.00
LAST WEEK'S BUILDING FUND:	\$	4,837.10
BUILDING FUND TOTAL:	\$	300,506.51

## January Anniversaries

Let us know of your anniversary by contacting the Parish Office. Also, let us know if you're celebrating a special year! For those who wish to allow our priests to honour you with a special anniversary blessing at the end of one of the Sunday Masses, we welcome you to speak to the priest before the Mass you attend on the closest weekend for a special public blessing. **It is important that our community experiences the witness of anniversaries of marriage!**

- Jan 13<sup>th</sup> Christina & Matthew John (17 years)
- Jan 18<sup>th</sup> Bryan & Krystle González-Marshall (10 years)
- Jan 27<sup>th</sup> Mary and Santos Bartolata (32 years)
- Jan 31<sup>st</sup> Mike & Lois Sims (48 years)

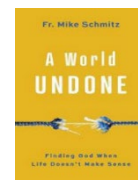
## Parish Happenings & Events...

### Candlelight Vigil & Memorial Mass



**Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup>**, we welcome all those who have registered for this Mass with their guests to join us for a Candlelight Vigil (music and candle placement starting at 6:30pm) followed by a Memorial Mass (at 7:00pm). Each registered member may offer to a maximum of ten (10) names. **For more information, please contact the Parish Office.**

### Catholic Book Club



A World Undone: Finding God When Life Doesn't Make Sense by Fr. Mike Schmitz who unfolds the mystery of brokenness. Starting Monday Jan 29 to Monday Feb 13 (3 sessions) from 9:30am to 11:30am. Cost: \$15. Please register ASAP to ensure we receive the books on time. Contact Susan or Tom 905-427-6137 or [susangkennedy@gmail.com](mailto:susangkennedy@gmail.com)

## Alpha



Alpha provides a space to ask all your questions about life, faith, and meaning in a friendly setting with people who, like you, want to explore life's big questions in a low-pressure environment.

Click to register: <https://bit.ly/3R9FSet>

Breaking bread together is one of the ways Jesus met people – every Alpha session begins with a meal over casual conversation. We're looking for parishioners to help by cooking a casserole for one of our Thursday evening meals. Recipes provided, meals can be dropped off during the week. Please contact [lpa@stbernajax.com](mailto:lpa@stbernajax.com) if you can prepare 1 meal over the next 10 weeks.

## For Our Young People



Our next EDGE NIGHTS in the parish hall:

Junior EDGE Night "Life Rafts" | **Monday Jan 22 6:30pm**  
(grades 2-4)

EDGE Night "Road Trip" | **Friday Jan 26 at 7:00pm**  
(grades 5-8)

Register for EDGE & Junior EDGE: <http://bit.ly/3tlXWd6>

Email Monika for more info: [youth@stbernajax.com](mailto:youth@stbernajax.com)

## Bundle Up Sunday



Before and after all the Masses on the weekend of February 3 & 4, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting gently used clothing, shoes, and linens to support our neighbours in need in the community. Our truck will be parked at the southwest corner of the parking lot. The SSVP and the Knights of Columbus will be present to help load your items. Please don't leave items by the truck. Thank you in advance for your support!

## **\*\*Donation Envelopes\*\***

Please **discontinue the use of 2023 donor envelopes and discard of them appropriately**. Only 2024 envelopes are to be used going forward. A reminder to stop by the parish hall to collect your 2024 envelopes if you haven't already done so. We appreciate this being done at your earliest opportunity.

## Coffee Sunday Returns

Meet old friends, and new ones too! Fellowship is an important part of being a Christian – knowing others who share and live the same faith you do. We begin again our Coffee Sundays, hoping you can join us! We gather after the 8:30am, 10:15am and 12:00pm Masses in the Parish Hall. These will be very informal gatherings with coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. Upcoming dates are:

**January 14**

**January 28**

## Knowing Our Catholic Faith...

*Each week, I will write about an aspect of our Catholic Christian faith here. If there's anything YOU would like to appear here, please email me.*

### Fasting & Abstinence

Fasting and abstinence is an important discipline for Catholic Christians, as it is for devout people of many religions throughout the world. While Jesus did His best to get us on the "right track" with fasting and abstinence, for many it has become a practice we have lost the sense of importance with. Fasting is the practice of eating less (smaller meals or eliminating a meal or two) while abstinence is the practice of refraining from eating meat. We associate both fasting and abstinence as a continuing practice on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, but it remains a discipline strongly encouraged on each Friday, especially during Lent. Fasting and abstinence is also something we continue to practice at least one-hour before receiving Jesus in the Holy Eucharist (communion).

This practice of self-denial and self-discipline is meant for us to focus ourselves a bit more on the Bridegroom, who is our Saviour and Redeemer. The Church strongly encourages us not to see it as merely "giving [something] up" but also to consider what we might give – **alms** is just as important and should coincide with our fasting – we are called to give as we receive.

*Next week...What Do We Know About Purgatory.*

## Parish Bingo



Parish Bingo Night in the Parish Hall – on **Monday January 15**, from 7:00pm to 9:30pm.

The cost is \$5.00 per package. Join us for a night of fun and socializing with friends. **Hope to see you there!**

# Parish Ministries Serving All

There are many ways big and small to “get involved” around St. Bernadette’s. These are some of the ways and our ministries continue to evolve and give life to new ministries too. The Ministry Coordinator (leaders) are listed but please call/email the Parish Office for more details on our various ministries.

## ADVISORY COUNCILS

*Property/Building* Mark-André Simard, Vice-Chair

*Finance* Denise Carson, Vice-Chair

*Pastoral* Jennifer Del Monte, Vice-Chair

*Volunteers* Tim & Desiree Plaus

*Councils are appointed advisory committees to the Pastor who assist him in the important decisions he makes administering the parish. We are always looking for parishioners with special skills for these councils.*

The Alpha Course	Robert LeBlanc
Altar Servers	Mark Sarang
Bereavement Ministry	Shanti Ferdinand
Bible Study	Susan Kennedy
Bingo	Anne Marie Dennis
Catholic Mom’s Group	Cathy Haynes
Coffee Thursdays	Julia Beattie
Coffee Sundays	Denise Carson
	Julia Beattie
Children’s Liturgy	Robert Zuzarte
Saturday 500pm Choir	Ronnie Pasajol
Sunday 830am Choir	Tatjana Smrekar
Sun 1015am Choir (children)	Michelle Kirkwood
Sunday 1200pm Choir	Ronnie Pasajol
Sunday 500pm Choir	Ronnie Pasajol
Sunday 700pm Choir	Stan Rodrigo
Collection Counters	Catherine Sheridan
EDGE Youth Group	Monika Matelski
Junior EDGE Youth Group	Monika Matelski
Eucharistic Ministers	Karen Takacs
Lectors (readers)	Jennifer Del Monte
Craft Group	Beatrice Zuzarte
Rosary Makers	Phyl Birch
Knights of Columbus	John Kelley
Daughters of Isabella	Sandra Kolsteren
Flowers & Decorating	Catherine Sheridan
Funeral Receptions	Julia Beattie
Handmaids of the Lord	Rhea Nazareno
Hope & Life for Widows	Jeanette Pinto
Horizons of Hope	Eleanor Lee
Legion of Mary	Valeria Chovancova
Livestreaming Team	Desiree Plaus

Understanding Our Faith	Susan Kennedy
Meditation	Trevor Pereira
Ministry of Hospitality	Faizul & Vinette Rahim
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Sharron Monk
Street Patrol	Desiree Plaus
Rosary Apostolate	Susan Dulny
Truth & Reconciliation	Rose Gomme
Wedding Coordinators	Marisa Hall
Young Adult Ministry	Father Kevin

## Sacramental Preparation

Baptism	Father Chris
Baptism Coordinators	Father Chris
First Communion	Robert LeBlanc
Confirmation	Robert LeBlanc
Marriage Preparation	Dax Magsisi
Adult Initiation (RCIA)	Robert LeBlanc
Initiation for Young People	Robert LeBlanc

## Communion Outreach

*Please contact the Parish Office, as staff coordinate most of our outreach ministries. Special training is required.*

Communion to Homebound	Denise Carson
Harwood Place	Mark-Andre Simard
Harwood Manor	Susan Falcone
Ballycliffe	Ian & Sharon Pinto
Ajax-Pickering Hospital	Ian & Sharon Pinto
Lakeridge Gardens	Ian & Sharon Pinto

## School Council Parish Liaisons

St. Bernadette Elementary	Agnes Sararus
St. James Elementary	Marisa Hall
St. Teresa of Calcutta	Linda Sarang
Denis O’Connor Secondary	Cathy Haynes

## **\*\* Your Parish Needs You \*\***

We continue to look for the generosity and gifts of our people (YOU) and ask that you consider volunteering in one of our parish ministries.

**Signing up is easy!!** Take a few moments to fill in our form at <https://bit.ly/45ds0og>

OR EMAIL US at [stbernajax.volunteer@gmail.com](mailto:stbernajax.volunteer@gmail.com)

# **Around the Parish This Week**

## **Saturday January 13 – St. Hilary, Our Lady’s Saturday**

900am Mass  
930am Meditation (Council Room)  
1100am Baptisms  
1100am FHC & Reconciliation Class (Hall)  
1230pm RCIA (Council Room)  
100pm Confirmation Class (Stage Side)  
400pm Parish Confessions  
500pm Mass

## **Sunday January 14– 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Coffee Sunday After 830am, 1015am, 1200pm Mass**

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm – Masses  
1015am Children’s Liturgy  
1230pm RCIA (Council Room)

## **Monday January 15**

800am Mass  
930am Understanding our Faith (Hall)  
630pm KofC- Executive Meeting (Council Room)  
700pm Bingo (Parish Hall)  
700pm Society of St. Vincent De Paul (Council Room)

## **Tuesday January 16**

800am Mass  
200pm Legion of Mary (Council Room)  
600pm Confirmation Class (Stage Side)  
730pm RCIA (Hall)

## **Wednesday January 17 – St. Anthony**

930am Bible Study (Stage Side)  
600pm FHC-Reconciliation Class (Hall)  
630pm Parish Confessions  
730pm Bible Study (Stage Side)  
730pm Mass

## **Thursday January 18**

800am Mass  
930am Ladies Craft group (Stage Side)  
630pm Alpha (Hall)  
700pm Pastoral Council Meeting (Council Room)

## **Friday January 19**

800am Mass  
830am Adoration  
830am Parish Confessions  
930am Rosary Makers (Hall)

## **Saturday January 20 – St. Fabian, St. Sebastian , Our Lady’s Saturday**

900am Mass  
930am Meditation (Council Room)  
100am Sto. Nino Celebration  
1100am FHC & Reconciliation Class (Hall)  
100pm Confirmation Class (Stage Side)  
400pm Parish Confessions  
500pm Mass

## **Sunday January 21– 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

830am, 1015am, 1200pm, 500pm, 700pm – Masses  
1015am Children’s Liturgy (Hall)  
1115am Sacramental Parent Retreat (Hall)  
1230pm RCIA (Council Room)  
100pm Sacramental Parent Retreat (Hall)

# **Mass Intentions This Week**

## **Saturday January 13**

900am + Yanelly Leal  
+ Guillermo & Lourdes Largoza  
+ Mervyn Cooper  
~ Intention of Sean Hentrich  
500pm + Maria Dalgado

## **Sunday January 14**

830am ~ Intention of Fr. Chris Lemieux  
1200pm Missa Pro Populo  
500pm + Jeannine Bérubé  
700pm ~ Intention of O’Brien Family

## **Monday January 15**

800am + Veronica Ego-Aguire

## **Tuesday January 16**

800am + William Houghton

## **Wednesday January 17**

730pm + Richard Pedrozo  
+ Edward Atanacio  
+ Januario Dias  
~ Intention of Marilynn Metcalfe

## **Thursday January 18**

800am + Mary Elizabeth Gibb

## **Friday January 19**

800am + Peter Tomeljak

## **Saturday January 20**

900am + Bobby Maskey  
+ For the souls in purgatory  
+ Herman Navarra  
+ Edward Atanacio  
+ Susan Campbell Evans  
500pm + Eduardo Martin Sr.

## **Sunday January 21**

830am ~ Intention of the Power Family  
1200pm Missa Pro Populo  
500pm + Jeremiah O’Connor  
700pm + Edward Antanacio

# Supporting our Parish Community

These Businesses are Owned & Operated by Parishioners



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The Celestial Quartet are the Rodrigo Family who offer us music at the Sunday 7:00pm Mass (as well as at other times). Pictured are Adrian, Gia, Amy & Jeremy Rodrigo. Here is a YouTube Channel for the viewing of their music:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y1PgqJK6Gis>